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ACTION EA-10

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FAA-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 USIA-06

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R 141053Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2919

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

AMCONGEN DANANG

AMCON UDORN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EARI, LA

SUBJ: MISSING ROYAL AIR LAO CARGO FLIGHT RY501,  
CHARTERED BOEING 307

USAID AIR SUPPORT BRANCH, VIENTIANE, HAS GATHERED FOLLOWING  
PRELIMINARY DETAILS ON MISSING BOEING 307 CHARTERED TO  
ROYAL AIR LAO, WHICH DEPARTED HONG KONG EN ROUTE FOR  
VIENTIANE MARCH 13 AT 0430Z. THE FLIGHT WAS ROYAL AIR LAO  
CARGO FLIGHT RY 501. IT WAS DUE TO ARRIVE IN VIENTIANE  
AT 1040Z MARCH 13. IT DID NOT ARRIVE AND IS NOW PRESUMED  
DOWN AND LOST. INFORMATION GIVEN BELOW WAS OBTAINED FROM  
ROYAL AIR LAO AND VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES AND IS KEYED TO  
10 FAM 521.6.

A. BOEING 307, LAO REGISTRATION X25FP.

B. JIMMY LIAO, OWNER AND OPERATOR. ON CHARTERED  
CARGO FLIGHT FOR ROYAL AIR LAO.

C. MISSING AND PRESUMED DOWN AND LOST SINCE 13 MARCH.

D. DEPARTED HONG KONG 13 MARCH 0430Z EN ROUTE FOR  
VIENTIANE WHERE IT WAS DUE TO ARRIVE MARCH 13 AT 1040Z.

E. PRESENT LOCATION NOT KNOWN. VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES  
REPORT AIRCRAFT GAVE DISTRESS SIGNAL OVER CHECK POINT

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PE-6, WEST OF DANANG AT 0840Z 13 MARCH. AIRCRAFT REPORTED

ONE ENGINE OUT. AIRCRAFT HAS NOT BEEN HEARD FROM SINCE THAT TIME.

F. 4 CREW ABOARD, INCLUDING OWNER OPERATOR CAPTAIN JIMMY LIAO. ALL FOUR ARE REPORTED TO BE OF CHINESE OR TAIWANESE NATIONALITY.

G AND H. NATURE OF ACCIDENT AND FURTHER INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE CRASH SITE NOT YET AVAILABLE.  
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